

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-12 are pending in the present patent application. Claims 1, 7, and 8 are independent. The remaining claims depend directly from claims 1, 7, and 8.

Claim Amendments

Claim 7 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Applicant asserts no further search or consideration is required.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objects to claim 7 for containing an informality. (*See* Office Action dated September 20, 2005 at page 2). By way of this reply, claim 7 has been amended to remove the informality. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by the publication entitled “Dealing with Dates and Times in ColdFusion” authored by Kurtus (hereinafter “Kurtus”). For the reasons set forth below, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

As evidenced by the enclosed 37 C.F.R. §1.131 affidavit and attached submissions, the claimed invention (i) was conceived on or before June 7, 2001, which is prior to the earliest publication date of Kurtus, *i.e.*, prior to December 17, 2001, and (ii) was subsequently

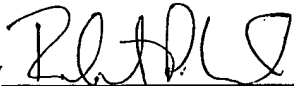
constructively reduced to practice with due diligence exercised by the inventor. Accordingly, Kurtus is not prior art to the present application and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 03226/122001).

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Attachments

Declaration Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.131 with Exhibits 1, 2 and 3